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To the Honorable Commissioners of the FCC,

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277,
Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership
voicing my support to retain all the FCC rules in question.
set limits on concentration of the broadcast industry and
interest by preserving diversity of ownership in the
marketplace. These rules are; The Television-Radio Cross-
Rule, The Broadcast-Newspaper Cross Ownership Ban, The
Television Ownership Rule, The Duopoly Rule for Radio, The
Television Ownership Rule, and The Dual Network Rule.

The great privilege to carry on informed debate and
events, both locally and globally, is part of the founding
this country. If the avenues for sharing information are
few, then I fear that the quality of the information
What is the value of varied information sources when they
by a single voice?

As a creator of independent media, I know first hand the
freedom of expression. The ability to say things that are
challenging to audiences at large, or possibly critical of
cows and special interests, lies at the heart of the
maker's business. Already it is difficult to work outside
system. If the channels to a potential audience - be they
programming channels, local television stations, or even
that promote and review independent works - fall into the
fewer corporate owners, sharing my work or the work of any
artist will become much harder.

In such an environment, the commercial interest inevitably
the public interest. The FCC has rules limiting ownership to

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ecology of a healthy marketplace of ideas. If the FCC
ecology by removing the rules, it undermines the future
marketplace of information.

Congress and the Supreme Court have long recognized that a
functioning democracy depends on a media open to independent
unconventional news and a varied entertainment media. Media
working outside the corporate environment continually
that is so defined. This unconventionality and variety that
American people both causes us to constantly question the
and facilitates the ability of Americans to speak with one
exist in an environment in which our news outlets have
both print and broadcast, our ability to open informed
restricted.

I urge you to rule in the public interest on this matter.
will be served by preserving the FCC's Broadcast Media

Thank you,
Peter Bredlau